

HOUSE BILL No. 2037

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-26; IC 9-15-2-1; IC 9-18-2; IC 9-24-10-3; IC 9-25-4-8.

Synopsis: Bureau of motor vehicles. Establishes the motor vehicle study committee. Requires license plates to be numbered using a statewide numbering scheme. Requires driver examinations to be scheduled within 30 days of a request. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to establish a system to allow insurance carriers to submit to the bureau electronically a certificate notifying the bureau that an insurance policy that formed the basis of proof of future financial responsibility has been canceled. Repeals the requirement that a passenger license plate display a numeral that indicates the county in which the passenger car is registered.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 27, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 1999]:

4 **Chapter 26. Motor Vehicle Study Committee**

5 **Sec. 1. The motor vehicle study committee is established.**

6 **Sec. 2. (a) The motor vehicle study committee consists of twelve**
7 **(12) members of the general assembly appointed as follows:**

8 **(1) Six (6) senators appointed by the president pro tempore of**
9 **the senate in consultation with the minority leader of the**
10 **senate, not more than three (3) of whom may be members of**
11 **the same political party.**

12 **(2) Six (6) representatives appointed by the speaker of the**
13 **house of representatives in consultation with the minority**
14 **leader of the house of representatives, not more than three (3)**
15 **of whom may be members of the same political party.**

16 **(b) The term of a member of the committee expires on**
17 **December 31 of the even-numbered year following the member's**



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1 appointment.

2 (c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by appointment
3 of a replacement member for the unexpired term. The president
4 pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a replacement for a senator
5 and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a
6 replacement for a representative.

7 Sec. 3. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a
8 member of the committee to serve as chairperson of the committee
9 during the first regular session of a general assembly and as vice
10 chairperson during the second regular session. The speaker of the
11 house of representatives shall appoint a member of the committee
12 to serve as vice chairperson during the first regular session of a
13 general assembly and as chairperson during the second regular
14 session.

15 Sec. 4. Each member of the motor vehicle study committee is
16 entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel
17 allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on
18 interim study committees established by the legislative council.

19 Sec. 5. The motor vehicle study committee shall study and may
20 make recommendations concerning all matters relating to the
21 registration and titling of motor vehicles, the licensing of drivers,
22 and the organization and operation of motor vehicle branches
23 under IC 9, including issues related to:

- 24 (1) the financing and automation of services under IC 9;
- 25 (2) the electronic submission of proof of financial
- 26 responsibility to the bureau of motor vehicles; and
- 27 (3) legislation enacted by the general assembly concerning the
- 28 delivery of services under IC 9.

29 Sec. 6. The motor vehicle study committee shall do the
30 following:

- 31 (1) Operate under the direction of the legislative council.
- 32 (2) Issue reports when directed to do so by the legislative
- 33 council.

34 Sec. 7. Staff and administrative support for the motor vehicle
35 study committee shall be provided by the legislative services
36 agency.

37 Sec. 8. The bureau of motor vehicles, the bureau of motor
38 vehicles commission, and the department of insurance shall
39 cooperate with the motor vehicle study committee as requested by
40 the chairperson of the committee.

41 Sec. 9. This chapter expires January 1, 2005.

42 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-2-28 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 28. Notwithstanding any other law, license plates, including personalized license plates, for:

- (1) passenger motor vehicles;
- (2) recreational vehicles;
- (3) motor vehicles registered to disabled veterans under IC 9-18-18; or
- (4) motor vehicles registered to former prisoners of war under IC 9-18-17;

that contain any of the numerals 1 through 100 following the prefix ~~numbers and~~ letter shall be issued annually by the bureau.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-2-36 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 36. **A license plate issued for a vehicle may not contain a numeral or other character indicating the county where the vehicle is registered.** A license plate issued for a passenger car must ~~display a numeral that be issued with~~ **an adhesive tag that indicates, with a numeral or by other means,** the county ~~in which where the owner of the passenger car was registered. resides. The tag required under this section may be combined with a renewal tag or any other tag or sticker required to be displayed on a license plate.~~

SECTION 4. IC 9-18-2-38 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 38. A license plate issued under this chapter remains valid if the person who registered the passenger motor vehicle or recreational vehicle changes the person's county of residence during the term of the license plate. A person who registers a passenger motor vehicle or recreational vehicle and who changes the person's county of residence may, at the time of reregistration:

- (1) retain the license plate originally issued; or
- (2) request a new ~~license plate, adhesive sticker,~~ at no additional cost to the person, indicating the person's new county of residence.

SECTION 5. IC 9-24-10-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. Examinations shall be held in the ~~city or town county~~ **county** where the ~~license branch office in which the application was made is located; applicant resides~~ **applicant resides** within a ~~reasonable length of time~~ **thirty (30) days** following the date of the application.

SECTION 6. IC 9-25-4-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. **(a)** Proof of financial responsibility, **including a certificate of compliance,** may be made by filing with the bureau:



- 1 **(1) the written certificate; or**
2 **(2) the electronic certificate;**

3 of an insurance carrier authorized to do business in Indiana certifying
4 that the carrier has issued to or for the benefit of the person furnishing
5 the proof and named as the insured a motor vehicle liability policy
6 meeting the requirements of this chapter and having the terms,
7 conditions, and specifications that the bureau requires.

8 **(b) Not later than July 1, 2004, the bureau shall establish a**
9 **system to accept an electronic certificate from an insurance carrier**
10 **that notifies the bureau that an insurance policy that forms the**
11 **basis of proof of future financial responsibility has been canceled.**

12 **(c) The filing of an electronic certificate under subsection (a) or**
13 **(b) shall be treated as if the certificate were submitted to the**
14 **bureau in a signed written form as required by this title.**

15 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) IC 9-18-2-36, as
16 amended by this act, applies only to license plates issued after June
17 30, 1999. However, the bureau may continue to use license plates
18 manufactured before June 30, 1999, that do not comply with
19 IC 9-18-2-28, as amended by this act, until existing inventories are
20 depleted.

21 (b) IC 9-18-2-28, as amended by this act, applies to all persons
22 who reregister a passenger motor vehicle or recreational vehicle
23 after June 30, 1999.

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